GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Sri A.E. Roberts, Regional Joint Director, (now Retd), Visakhapatnam – Disciplinary proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 on the charges of Certain grave Irregularities in Visakhapatnam Zone – Retired from service on 31-03-2019, Withholding of **5% (Five percent) of pension for a period of One year,** under Rule – 9 of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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DEPTT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS (ESTT)

G.O.Rt.No.31. Dated:20-03-2023.
Read the followings:-

Ref:-
1. Memo.No. WDC01-WOMC0WDCW(CRTC)/4/2019/Estt.A3-6, Dated 28-05-2019.
2. G.O.Ms.No.11, Dept. for WCDA & SCs [Estt.A3], dt.03-06-2019 [Departmental Proceedings].
3. G.O.Rt.No.87, Dept. for WCDA & SCs [Estt.A3], dt.03-06-2019 [AOC].
4. WSD of Sri A.E.Roberts, RJD(Retd), Visakhapatnam, Sri Jampa Satyanarayana, Supdt.(U/s) and Sri R.V.A.K.Raju, Supdt.(U/s).
5. G.O.Rt.No.124, Dept. for WCDA & SCs [Estt], dt.29-06-2020 [appointing inquiry Officer].
6. Inquiry Report of Smt. R. Sreelatha, E.O & JD (Admn) dated 27-07-2021 received on 27-07-2021 [Inquiry Report].
7. Govt., Memo.No.801301/Estt/2019-15, dt:13-08-2021. [Enquiry report communication]
8. The C.Os has submitted their further explanations on 11-09-2021 [Explanations to Inquiry report].
9. Govt. Memo.No.801301/Estt/2019-17, dt:06-05-2022 [SCN].
10. Govt. Memo.No.801301/Estt/2019-18, dt:06-05-2022. [Dropped].
11. The C.Os has submitted their further explanations on 31-05-2022. [Explanations to SCN].
12. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.GAD03-APPS0DCC /123/2022-DC SEC-APPSC, Dated 12-01-2023.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Government directed the Regional Joint Director [FAC], W.D & C.W., Visakhapatnam, to place the services of Sri J. Satyanarayana, Superintendent and Sri R.V.A.K. Raju, Senior Assistant, O/o R.J.D., W.D & C.W., under suspension under Rule – 8 (1) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, in the interest of administration, pending disciplinary proceedings on the alleged irregularities in promotions in respect

of promotion of Sri K. Sadasiva, Sr.Asst, as Superintendent, even though three disciplinary proceedings are pending against him etc.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Government have also initiated the disciplinary proceedings against Sri A.E. Roberts, former R.J.D., W.D & C.W., Visakhapatnam and retired now under Rule – 20 of A.P.C.S [CC&A] Rules, 1991 read with Rule – 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 by imputing the articles of charges, vide reference 3rd cited.

3. After following due procedure, Government in the reference 5th read above, appointed the Joint Director(Admn), WD&CW Dept. O/o the Director, WD&CW Dept., as Inquiry Officer and the Project Director, WD&CW Dept., Visakhapatnam, as Presenting Officer to conduct inquiry under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 into the allegations leveled against Sri A.E. Roberts, Regional Joint Director(Retd), Sri J. Satyanarayana, Superintendent (Retd), Sri R.V.A.K. Raju, Senior Assistant (Retd), O/o the Regional Joint Director, WD&CW Dept., Visakhapatnam.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted her report, wherein the Charges No.I, III & V are held proved against the A.O Sri A.E. Roberts, Regional Joint Director, (now Retd), Visakhapatnam. and Charge No.III is proved against both the A.O Sri J. Satyanarayana, Supdt., (now retd) and Sri R.V.A.K. Raju, Senior Assistant (now retd). Subsequently, Govt., vide reference 9th cited, have requested the Director, WD&CW to take expeditious action under sub-rule (2) of Rule 21 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to communicate a copy of the Inquiry Report to the C.Os, so as to enable them to submit their further written representation thereon and further furnish the same within 15 days to the Govt., otherwise it will be construed that they have no reply to offer at their end and further course of action will be taken in the matter accordingly, as per the material available with the Government.

5. In the reference 10th read above, after considering the representations filed by the A.Os viz., Sri J. Satyanarayana, Supdt., (now retd) and Sri R.V.A.K. Raju, Senior Assistant (now retd) further disciplinary action wasdropped, since there is no malafide intention established on both the A.Os and a lenient view has been taken. However, the suspension period of the above two A.Os was regularized as "not on duty", as they were not exonerated on merits of the case.

6. However, the Charged Officer Sri A.E. Roberts, Regional Joint Director, (now Retd), Visakhapatnam, in his representation dt.11.09.2021, while denying the findings of the I.O has stated that the findings of I.O are contradictory to her own analysis and assessment of evidence and not tenable and acceptable under rules. Further, the I.O concluded the report that on perusal of entire records, there is no financial loss to Govt., exchequer and the delinquent officer has retired from service on superannuation. Therefore, the A.O Sri A.E. Roberts, has requested the Govt., to drop further action against him.

7. Whereas, vide Govt., memo.9th read above, the Government, after examining the findings of the Inquiring Authority and other material on hand, have provisionally decided under Rule-9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, to impose the **punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year**and issued show cause notice to Sri A.E. Roberts, R.J.D (retired), as out of **five** charges, **three charges are held proved**, as per the findings of the I.O., as to why the said punishment as proposed shall not be imposed on her, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of this notice to Government, for taking further action in the matter and he has submitted his explanation vide letter 11th read above.

8. When the APPSC was consulted in the matter, the Commission in the letter 12th read above, has enhanced the punishment to **5% cut in pension permanently** against Sri A.E. Roberts, Regional Joint Director (now retired), Visakhapatnam and advised accordingly .

9. Government, have examined the matter with reference to the material made available and provisionally decided to impose to the punishment of withholding of 5% (five percent) pension of the charged officer for a period of one year, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, for the charges held proved against him.

10. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the penalty of withholding of 5% (five percent) pension of Sri A.E. Roberts, Regional Joint Director (now retired), Visakhapatnam for a period of one year, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

11. The Director, W.D&C.W., A.P., Guntur, is requested to take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

MUDDADA RAVI CHANDRA
PRINICIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Guntur.
Sri A.E. Roberts, Regional Joint Director (now retired), Visakhapatnam.
(through Director, WD&CW)
Copy to: -
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Accountant General, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Mangalagiri.
The P.S to Prl. Secy., Dept., for WCDA & SC.
The G.P for Services, APHC (w.r.t C.C.No.979/2019), Nelapadu, Amaravati.
SF/SC.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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SECTION OFFICER